

**Proceedings of 4th General Body meeting of SAWBAR held at BHU, Varanasi
on August 28, 2017**

Fourth General Body meeting of the Society for Advancement of Wheat and Barley Research (SAWBAR) was convened on August 28, 2017 at 9.30 hours in Shatabdi Bhawan, BHU, Varanasi as per the agenda listed below:

Welcome and Secretary's Report	Sindhu Sareen
Treasurer's Report	Poonam Jasrotia
Editor's Report	Satish Kumar
Open House Discussion	Sindhu Sareen
Announcement of Awards & Presentation of Certificates of SAWBAR Fellows-2017	G P Singh
Address by Chairman	G P Singh
Vote of Thanks	SC Bhardwaj

Dr Sindhu Sareen, General Secretary of the Society welcomed the delegates to 4th General Body meeting and presented the report for the year 2016-17. She informed the house that the re-registration of the society under the new society registration rules in Haryana, which was a long time pending process, was completed and the Society's name changed from SAWR to SAWBAR. During the year 15 more joined as life member, taking number to 208. Besides, 28 joined as annual and 8 as student members. Thanks for showing faith in the society. She also informed that the society has its own website www.sawbar.org. Besides other information, the membership and contact details have been uploaded. She requested the members to visit the site and for any correction, drop a line at gs.sawr@gmail.com

NAAS rating of JWR increased from 3.11 to 4.42. During 2016-17, both the issues of JWR were published in time and submitted to NAAS. She thanked all the members for submitting their papers and also to reviewers to complete the process in time. She also requested all the members to contribute good quality papers for publication and invited reviewers who are ready to give their valuable time. She also informed the house that CEC in the meetings on 27.01.2017 and 20.04.2017 decided to send soft copy of journal to members and no print copy will be sent. The soft copy of the recent issue 9(1) was sent to all members. DOI numbers for articles have been obtained and now onwards the papers will appear online as soon as accepted.

In addition to existing two awards instituted by the society one more award in the memory of Dr S Nagarajan, former project Director, DWR and Director IARI is initiated from this year. The seed money for this award, which is more than 3.0 lakh is collective contribution from staff of IIWBR and AICRP centres and Rs 1 lakh from WRTF. She thanked all the contributors for their faith in society. She also announced that CEC agreed to increase Cash award money for all the three awards is twofold from Rs 5000 to Rs 10000, besides certificate, citation and plaque of merit.

Treasurers' Report was presented by Dr Poonam Jasrotia. She informed that the opening balance as on 1st April, 2016 in SAWBAR's main account was Rs 5, 82, 328. During 2016-17, an amount of Rs. 89,200 (LF- 63,000; AM-23,200; SM-3,000) was added through membership, Rs. 20,000 through advertisement and Rs. 22, 209 through bank interest. Membership fund was this year was Rs. 6147 more than last year's amount. So the total income during one year was Rs. 1,31,409. Besides, major society expenses were incurred on printing of two issues of journal that was Rs. 80,943 and for routine paperwork society bought a laptop and printer worth Rs. 57,500. So the total expenditure during one year was 1,34, 486.

The closing balance in Dr. MV Rao Memorial Award account was 4,901 with a fixed deposit of Rs. 90,000 and Prof. Mahatim Singh Memorial Award Account was 4180 with a fixed deposit of Rs. 90,000. For Dr S Nagarajan Memorial Award, a new account was opened which had balance of Rs. 3, 19, 707 including one lakh contribution from Wheat Technology Research Fund (WTRF). The rest of the contribution was by staff (Scientists, technical and administrative and supporting) of IIWBR and some AICRP centres.

The Editor's report was presented by Dr Satish on behalf of Editor-in Chief. He informed that during 2016-17, both the issues of the Journal Vol. 8(1) & Vol. 8(2) were published timely. Vol. 8(1) had 13 articles consisting of 10 research papers, 2 short notes and 1 review article and Vol. 8(2) had 11 articles consisting of 7 research papers, 3 short notes and 1 review article. Presently we have received 71 articles out of which 53 are in editing/production and 18 are in review. Vol. 9(1) has also been published timely and is being distributed. He also requested the members/ wheat and barley workers to please submit quality articles for publication in JWR. The articles are to be submitted online and in the prescribed format/style of the journal. He also requested reviewers for quick and critical responses so as to raise the publication standards.

In the open house discussion, Dr K V Prabhu asked to change the name of journal from Journal of wheat research to Journal of Wheat and Barley Research so as to give clear visibility that both crops are part of the journal. To this Dr Sareen replied that there was apprehension that NAAS rating will be lost. Dr Prabhu clarified that NAAS rating will be retained by including the earlier name also. The house agreed to change the name of the journal. General Secretary and Editor-in-Chief will initiate process.

The next agenda item was announcement of awards and presentation of SAWBAR Fellow certificates. Dr G P Singh announced that Dr M V Rao Memorial Award 2017 to Dr Ravish Chatrath and first Dr S Nagarajan Memorial Award 2017 to Dr S C Bhardwaj. These awards were presented by Sh Radha Mohan Singh, Hon'ble Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare on Aug 27, 2017 during inauguration session of 56th Wheat Workshop. Dr Sendhil R was selected for Prof Mahatim Singh Memorial Award 2017.

Dr. Ravi Singh, CIMMYT, Mexico, Dr K V Prabhu and Dr GP Singh conferred the SAWBAR Fellow Award for the year 2017 to Dr Dinesh for Barley quality and Basic Sciences.

Dr GP Singh, Vice-President of the society and Chairman of the meeting, while addressing the GB thanked the SAWBAR family for the support during the year and called upon all, to proactively contribute to make the society stronger. He thanked Dr (Mrs) Nagarajan who along with his son travelled all the way to attend award ceremony and also contributed Rs 1.0 lakh to Dr S Nagarajan Memorial award. He emphasized that although NAAS rating of the journal is increased but we should not be complacent and called upon all the members to contribute quality articles as well as motivate fellow scientists to enrol as members of the society.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks by Dr S C Bhardwaj, Vice President of the society. He thanked Dr R K Gupta, President, SAWBAR for his keen interest in the society affairs and Dr G P Singh, Director IIWBR for their encouraging words. He also thanked the screening committee members for selecting the right person for the awards and also the society members for the cooperation and office bearers for the good work done over the past year. The proceedings are issued with the approval of the President, SAWBAR.



General Secretary